Granada Hills Charter earns prestigious Automotive Technology program certification

February 28, 2017 GRANADA HILLS, Calif. – Granada Hills Charter (GHC) has earned its second 5-year accreditation for Automotive Technology and is now officially the last remaining high school in the San Fernando Valley to meet the rigorous demands of National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). The 5-step accreditation process takes months and involves a thorough evaluation of a school’s program to ensure it meets the growing demands of the modern automotive industry. GHC is one of only eleven high schools in southern California who have received NATEF accreditation.

“Technology is changing and so should our educational programs,” says Brian Bauer, GHC Executive Director, “This accreditation is important because it confirms to the automotive and business communities that our program meets the highest possible standards and our students are equipped with modern skills.”

Granada Hills Charter’s Automotive Technology program includes comprehensive courses on automotive engines, systems and service. Lab work includes diagnostics on the latest technology and repair of modern electrical systems. Students who complete the coursework can apply for an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification that allows them to enter the workforce as an automotive technician. GHC has articulation agreements with Pierce College and Universal Technical Institute allowing students to earn college credits for their GHC coursework, including UC/CSU transferable units.

###

CONTACT: Marilyn Koziatek, Community Outreach, 818-360-2361 x314, mkoziatek@ghchs.com

About Granada Hills Charter High School: Granada Hills Charter High School, the largest charter school in the nation, is an independent public school in the San Fernando Valley. A fiscally independent conversion charter school, Granada Hills Charter has a current student enrollment of approximately 4,650 and an annual student wait list of over 2,000. The School’s student body is considered one of the most diverse, with more than 40 languages
other than English spoken at home and over 60 nationalities represented. Over 2,300 students are eligible for the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. As a 501c3 non-profit benefit corporation, the School’s Governing Board is the legal entity overseeing all school policy and its $55 million operating budget. The school is ranked #1 Best Charter High School in California, #4 Most Diverse Public High School in California and #19 Standout School in America by Niche.com in the 2017 Best Schools rankings.

About NATEF: Founded in 1983 as an independent, non-profit with the mission of improving the quality of automotive technician training programs nationwide at secondary and post-secondary, public and proprietary schools. For more information, visit www.natef.org.